

WNTC Answers Student Queries Concerning School Radio Station

The staff of WNTC has been receiving many questions about the radio station lately. We would like to take this opportunity to explain our situation to the student body.

First of all, we would like to apologize to the men who live in the Clarkson Dorms. The station has been on the air since school started, but due to serious difficulty with our transmitters, we have been unable to transmit to the dorms. The Engineering Department has been working very hard and has remedied the situation. We are now broadcasting, and will continue to do so, at the dorms.

The most asked question is "Why can't I get the station?" The answer to the question is simply that we cannot transmit to cover the students who do not live in the dorms. The F.C.C. says that our signal must not radiate more than 250 feet from a transmitter. We are operating legally and we will continue to do so. We have been working on several plans for covering the

fraternity and sorority houses but costs would prohibit the use of any of these plans.

Another question asked is "What good is the radio station?" To some students the radio station is of no value, because they have no interest in radio. Another reason for this feeling is the fact that they can't listen to the station or they would rather listen to another station. The arguments presented by these students are valid to them but to the eighty-five members of the staff of the radio station and to the students who do listen to the station, it is a very useful organization.

One important factor that must be taken into consideration is the fact that everyone is basing opinions on the past performance of the station. The present staff would like to make it clear that its sole interests is the betterment of the station and the performance of a service to the student bodies of both colleges.

One of our main problems is getting paying advertising to finance present service and future enlargement of our organization. Another problem is that of competing stations and duplication of programs, as in the case of hockey games. Our most pressing problem, that of coverage, has already been discussed but we would like to remind everyone that we are working on it.

Through this article we have tried to give the student bodies of both colleges answers to some of their questions and to explain our situation. We will be more than happy to listen to reasonable suggestions from anyone.